

# Chapter 14: Evaluation, Updates & Revisions

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## 14.1 Distribution

Upon adoption, the LMS will be posted on the Monroe County Office of Emergency Management's web site and notices of its availability will be distributed to the federal and state agencies that were notified and the organizations, agencies, and elected officials who received notices of public meetings.

## 14.2 Annual Evaluation & Updates

As required by State statute (Chapter 9G-22) and to ensure that the Local Mitigation Strategy is current and continues to serve the interests of residents and visitors, the LMS Work Group will perform an evaluation and, if appropriate, prepare revisions every year. Minor revisions may be handled by addenda. Revisions are to be submitted to the Florida Department of Community Affairs no later than the last workday of each January.

The Monroe County Office of Emergency Management, the LMS Coordinator, will coordinate the review and preparation of revisions that may be identified. The participating Work Group members are responsible for recommending revisions pertinent to their jurisdiction or organization. Revisions may be appropriate due to:

- Hazard events that have occurred that prompt a change in the characterization of risk.
- Significant changes to the critical facilities list (addition or deletion of facilities).
- Changes to the NFIP's list of Repetitive Loss Properties (if the list is provided for this purpose).
- Changes in knowledge and understanding of the people and property that are at risk which may be reflected in hazard maps.
- Changes to the list of mitigation initiatives (addition of new initiatives, deletion or completion of previously-listed initiatives).
- Changes in department organization, regulations, comprehensive plans, and the like.
- Changes necessary to comply with State and federal program requirements.

The following schedule will be followed (subject to changes as a function of hazard events):

- By the end September of each year, the LMS Coordinator will notify Work Group members of the need to review the LMS and identify revisions; Work Group members will submit proposed revisions to Emergency Management which will be discussed at a Work Group meeting. Emergency Management will compile the proposed revisions and, with Work Group approval, will

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forward the revisions to the Department of Community Affairs by the last working weekday of January.

- On a quarterly basis the Work Group will report on the status of active initiatives in order to maintain currency of the list.
- On a quarterly basis the Work Group will accept new initiatives to be placed on the list of Preliminary Identified Mitigation Initiatives.

### **14.3 Five-Year Revision**

A comprehensive review of and revisions to the LMS will be conducted on a five-year cycle. In part, this revision will be to incorporate the material collected for the annual updates. Because the LMS is adopted in 2005, it will enter the next evaluation and review cycle sometime in 2009, with adoption and publication anticipated in 2010.

The Monroe County LMS Work Group will involve the public in the LMS revision process in the same manner used during the 2005 revision. The public will be notified when the revision process is started and provided the opportunity to review and comment on changes to the LMS. It is expected that a combination of informational public meetings, surveys and questionnaires, draft documents posted on the web site, and/or public Council meetings may be undertaken.

### **14.4 Incorporating Mitigation Plan Requirements into Other Local Planning Mechanisms**

Chapters 7 through 12 describe how Monroe County and the cities of Key West, Marathon, Key Colony Beach, Layton, Islamorada and address hazards as part of their current planning mechanisms and processes, including comprehensive plans, land development, infrastructure design, and public outreach. The 2005 revision of the LMS did not reveal any significant gaps in how hazards are addressed in existing planning mechanisms and processes.

Many mitigation initiatives are capital projects. Implementation of site-specific projects usually is dependant upon the availability of funding (see Section 13.7 for sources of funding). When those initiatives are prioritized and funding is sought, each jurisdiction will comply with its existing rules regarding inclusion of projects in its Capital Improvement Plan or other budget and planning document or process.